

THE RISING OF 2 THE SHIELD HERO

THE
MANGA
COMPANION

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ONE PEACE BOOKS

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YOU LOOK
DIFFERENT...

I WAS
LEVELING
UP.

ホリ
PRIP

HONESTLY,
I WAS A
LITTLE
WORRIED...

THE
INNKEEPER
TAUGHT
ME PROPER
TABLE
MANNERS.
I WANTED
TO EAT
LIKE
YOU, MR.
NAOFUMI.

I HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU
AROUND
LATELY...
WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN?
FIGHTING?

DON'T SAY IT
LIKE THAT!

ANYWAY, SHE'S
STOPPED
ISN'T THAT COUGHING, AND
RIGHT? IS EATING MORE
RAPHTALIA. THAN SHE USED
TO.

YOU MAKE IT
SOUND LIKE
I GOT FAT!



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REALLY?

LOOK HOW
BEAUTIFUL
YOU ARE!

...WHO SAYS
YOU'RE FAT?

I WAS
SURPRISED
TOO.

IT'S LIKE
EVERYONE
AROUND HERE
HAS A LOLITA
COMPLEX.

NOT VERY
CHEERY, ARE
'YA KID?

KID...

AND EVEN MORE SO
LATELY! EVERYONE
ACTS LIKE THEY ARE
DROOLING OVER
THIS GIRL—BUT
SHE'S ONLY LIKE
TEN YEARS OLD!

MAYBE YOU
HAVEN'T
NOTICED?

?





STILL, IF
WE GET YOU
A BETTER
WEAPON WE
CAN LEVEL UP...



BUT I HAVE
A GOOD
SHIELD. I'M
FINE.

DID YOU
ALREADY
FORGET? YOU
WERE HURT IN
THAT BATTLE!



FLASH

DIE?!

IF YOU
DON'T GET
SERIOUS,

YOU'RE
GOING TO
DIE.



MR. NAOFUMI?
THIS ISN'T
A JOKE YOU
KNOW...

SHE'S
GETTING TO
BEA BOTHER
THIS SLAVE.



WANT TO
TRY IT
OUT?

THIS
LOOKS
SHARP.

JEEZ... SHE'S
FIGURED OUT WHAT
SHE CAN GET AWAY
WITH BEFORE
THE SLAVE CURSE
ACTIVATES.









SO
WHAT'S
LEFT...



THAT WAS
GOOD!

HE'S GOING
TO MAKE
SOMETHING
FOR YOU FROM
SCRATCH!



...



AND HE'LL
EVEN HAVE IT
FOR YOU BY
TOMORROW.



HE'S A GOOD
GUY.



AND HE THREW
IN A SWORD FOR
ME TOO—ONE
THAT EVEN HAS
A BLOOD CLEAN
COATING...







MR.
NAOFUMI
!!

WHAT?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

WHAT
THE...



YES YOU
YOU WERE ARE.
SO EXCITED
ABOUT IT
JUST A WEEK
OR TWO AGO.

I AM NOT
A KID
ANYMORE!



YOU KNOW
YOU LIKE
THE KID'S
MEAL.

...



SURE
YOU
HAVE.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
PRETEND
TO BE AN
ADULT.

WELL, I'VE
CHANGED!





BUT I
FIGURED IT
OUT PRETTY
QUICKLY
AFTER WE
MET.

WE HAVEN'T
KNOWN
EACH OTHER
LONG.

I'LL GIVE
YOU A
DISCOUNT.

UPGRADE?
THAT
SOUNDS
EXPENSIVE.

YOU'RE NOT NEARLY
AS BAD AS THEY ALL
SAY YOU ARE.

AND YOU'RE
A LOYAL
CUSTOMER!

HAHA

...



THANK
YOU.

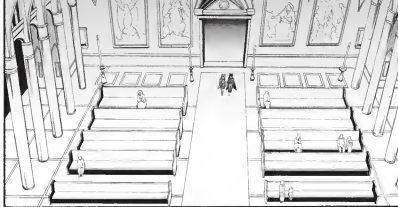


KEEP
IT
THAT
WAY.

THAT'S THE
FACE YOU
HAD WHEN WE
FIRST MET.



GOOD
LUCK,
KID.





RIGHT
THIS
WAY.

THIS IS THE
"DRAGON
HOURGLASS!"



MR.
NAOFUMI!



Lo BLEEP

THIS IS
TIME LEFT
UNTIL THE
WAVE?

00:20:12:05

WHAT'S...

THERE'S
NOT MUCH
WE CAN
DO...

Lo BLEEP

ABOUT 20
HOURS...

EW,
GROSS!

IT'S THAT
NASTY
CRIMINAL,
THE SHIELD
HERO!





I
FORGOT YOU
COULDN'T
FIGHT!

TADA!

NAOFUMI?

YOU'RE STILL
FIGHTING IN
JUNK LIKE
THAT?

TAP

TAP

MR.
MOTOYASU!

OH,
YEAH...





PARDON
ME.

BUT WHO
ARE YOU?



CUTE...

HUH?



YOU DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT MR.
MOTOYASU?

HE'S...

WHAT'S
WITH
HER?

IS SHE AN
ADVENTURER?

SQUEEZE

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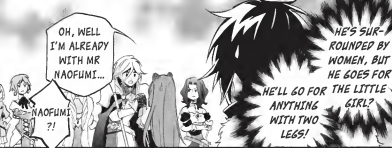
PLEASSED TO
MEET YOU,
GORGEOUS!

I AM MOTOYASU
KITAMURA, THE
SPEAR HERO!

WON'T YOU
SAVE THE
WORLD WITH
ME?

WHAT?

H...HERO?





WHAT?
I'M JUST
TELLING THE
TRUTH.



WHAT CAN
YOU DO
DURING THE
WAVE?

JUST PROTECT
YOURSELF, AND
WATCH ME SAVE
THE WORLD.



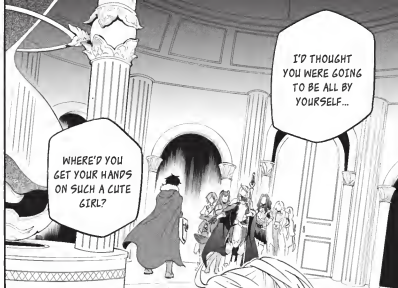
YOU...!!



THE
RISING
OF 2 THE
SHIELD
HERO

CHAPTER 6 THE WAVE OF DESTRUCTION







HEY! WAIT
A SEC!

OKAY!

OKAY!

DASH



LEAVE HER
ALONE, MR.
MOTOYASU.

SHE WON'T
LISTEN TO
YOU.



I GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

HE'LL GET
TIRED OF
HER SOON
ENOUGH.



LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE,
RAPHTALIA.

FWOOSH

HE'S THE
SHIELD,
AFTER ALL.





I JUST
WANT TO HIT
SOMETHING.

RIGHT
NOW...
I
JUST...



DAMMIT!

PUNCH

SLAM

DAMN!

DAMN!

PUNCH



THE NERVE OF
HIM... HE KNOWS
WHAT I HAVE TO
GO THROUGH...

I DON'T
WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT
IT.

PUNCH

PUNCH



MR. NAOFUMI,
WHAT
HAPPENED
BETWEEN YOU
AND THAT
GUY _

SHE'D GO WITH
MOTOYASU. OF
COURSE SHE
WOULD.

PUNCH

EVEN RAPHTALIA,
IF SHE DIDN'T
HAVE A SLAVE
CURSE ON HER...

PUNCH

PUNCH

PUNCH

EVEN IF I TOLD
HER THE TRUTH,
SHE WOULDN'T
BELIEVE ME.

DAMN.

YEAH. SHE'S
JUST LIKE
THAT OTHER
WOMAN...

PUNCH

WHY DO I HAVE
TO FIGHT TO
PROTECT THESE
PEOPLE?!

PUNCH

DAMN!





OH, I...

...WHAT?



SO I'VE GOTTEN
A LITTLE
SENTIMENTAL...

WE'RE GOING
TO FIGHT
AGAINST
THE WAVE
SOON...



YEAH...

I WON'T FIGHT
FOR ANYONE.
I'LL FIGHT FOR
MYSELF.



EVEN IF I AM THE
"SHIELD HERO,"

WHEN YOU
DIE, YOU DIE.



WHAT? WAS SHE
GOING TO TALK
ABOUT DEATH,
ABOUT THE PAST?

EVEN IF THIS
WORLD IS JUST
LIKE A GAME...



BECAUSE...

SO I CAN
SURVIVE
ANOTHER
MONTH...

YOU GAVE ME
THE CHANCE
TO FIGHT...

YOU GAVE ME
THE CHANCE
TO LIVE.

I...

I'M GLAD I
MET YOU, MR.
NAOFUMI,

I KNOW.

BUT I CAN'T
PROMISE
THAT I CAN
PROTECT YOU.

I'D BE IN
TROUBLE
IF YOU
DIED.

I'LL DO
WHAT I
CAN.

I'LL DO MY
BEST.

I AM
YOUR
SWORD.

...RIGHT.

GOOD
LUCK.

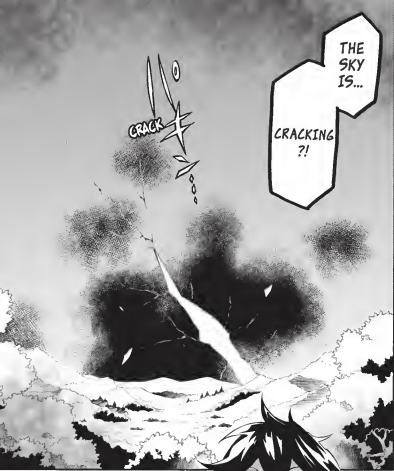
RUFFLE

ひい...
ひい...

I'LL FOLLOW
YOU ANYWHERE.









THE
WAVE OF
DESTRU-
TION!!

ROOOAAAR



THEY ARE
RUNNING
STRAIGHT
FOR IT...



SHOULDN'T
WE FIGURE
OUT WHERE
WE ARE
FIRST?

MR.
NAOFUMI!!

TELL DASH



THEM!



DASH!

!



IT'S THE
MINE!



WE'RE
BY...

WE'RE BY
RIYUTE!



ONLY US
HEROES WERE
TELEPORTED
HERE...

THE
EVACUATION...

THEY CAN'T
POSSIBLY
HAVE HAD
TIME TO...



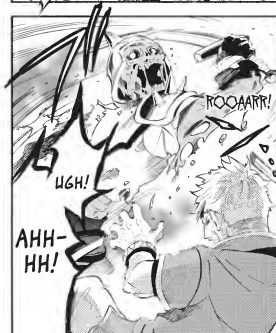
WAIT!
YOU!

WE HAVE TO
EVACUATE
THE VILLAGE
FIRST!

SO THE CASTLE
KNIGHTS HAVEN'T
MADE IT HERE YET...



ALL I CAN DO IS PROTECT THEM!







I'LL DRAW
OFF THE
ENEMY!

FLASH!!!



YAAAAHH!



FWOOSH

SHIELD
PRISON!

PIPE SHIELD:
EQUIP BONUS:
SKILL: "SHIELD PRISON"



CLANG









IF I CAN GET
THEM TO FOLLOW
ME THEN THIS
MIGHT WORK...

THIS THING
ISN'T VERY
SMART...

DAMMIT!
I'M
BLOCKED!

BUZZ

BOOM

AIR
STRIKE
SHIELD!

FWAP



SO
THERE'S
MORE AND
MORE ALL
THE TIME.



DAMMIT!
I CAN'T
KILL
THEM...



BUT THEY DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
FIGHT. THEY AREN'T
ORGANIZED.



THE KNIGHTS AND
ADVENTURERS
STATIONED HERE
ARE FIGHTING...



WHAT CAN I
DO...

WHAT CAN I DO
TO KEEP THE
DESTRUCTION
DOWN?



I CAN'T
SAVE THEM
ALL...

AHHHH!

GYAAA!
HHH!





SLAM!

WHY DO I
HAVE TO
DO THIS?

WHY DO I
HAVE TO
PROTECT THE
PEOPLE THAT
HATE ME?

OUCH!



NO ONE CARES
ABOUT THE
SHIELD HERO
ANYWAY...

SO WHY DO I
HAVE TO PUT
MY LIFE ON
THE LINE FOR
THEM?

MR. NAOFUMI!

SLICE





YEAH...



ARE YOU
OKAY? MR.
NAOFUMI!

SLAM



IF WE CAN'T
TURN THE
TIDE...

SLAM

I
EVACUATED
ALL THE
VILLAGERS I
COULD FIND...
BUT
THERE
ARE SO
MANY
ENEMIES!



は

SMACK

RAPH-
TALIA!

UGH

RIGHT...
THEN...

は

FLASH

?!



THAT'S
THE
SHIELD
HERO FOR
YOU...

///
///
SIZZLE



WAS THAT...
MAGIC?

LIGHT METAL SHIELD:
EQUIP BONUS: DEFENSE 1
SPECIAL EFFECT: MAGIC
DEFENSE UP



SURE IS
TOUGH...

DADUM

DADUM

THE
KNIGHTS?

FINALLY
MADE IT,
HUH?



BETTER
CHOSE YOUR
WORDS
CAREFULLY!

YOU KNEW
MR. NAOFUMI
WAS HERE BUT
YOU STILL
ORDERED THAT
ATTACK?!



IT WAS A
CHANCE TO
TAKE THEM
ALL OUT.
THAT'S
ALL.



I DON'T KNOW
WHY, BUT ALL
THE MONSTERS
WERE GATHERED
OVER THERE.



MR.
NAOFUMI
IS ON
YOUR
SIDE!



RAPH TALIA!
STOP,
RAPH TALIA!



IF YOU JUST
BEHAVE
YOURSELF,
THERE WON'T
BE ANY MORE
ISSUES...

OH,
SURE...



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!



AND YOU MADE
IT OUT FINE
AND PRETTY,
SO WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?

SMILE

SOUNDS
GOOD TO ME.

I'LL JUST HANG
BACK AND LET
THE MONSTERS
EAT YOU.



DON'T
BREAK FOR-
MATION!

CALM
DOWN!

UGH!

SLAM





I'LL BLOCK
THEIR
ATTACKS. YOU
RUSH IN AND
KILL THEM!

LISTEN UP!
TAKE OUT THE
ONES AROUND
YOU FIRST!

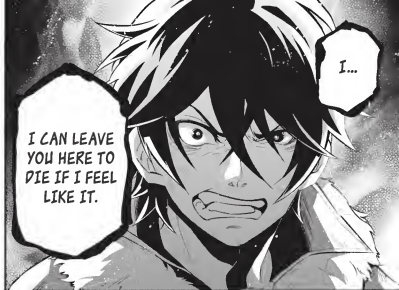


★ STARE
to



WHY SHOULD
WE TAKE
ORDERS FROM
A CRIMINAL?!





I CAN LEAVE
YOU HERE TO
DIE IF I FEEL
LIKE IT.

I...



THE
SKY...

MR.
NAOFUMI!



THEY SKY
IS...

RETURNING
TO NORMAL.



DON'T
RELAX
YET.
THERE
ARE STILL
MONSTERS
COMING.









DID I... KEEP
MORE KIDS
FROM ENDING
UP LIKE ME?

I...



DID I DO
A GOOD
JOB?



...YEAH.

RUFFLE



YOU DID
GOOD.

DRIP

DRIP



THE
RISING
OF 2 THE
SHIELD
HERO

CHAPTER 7 THE DUEL





HEROES!



**WE SUFFERED FAR
LESS DAMAGE
THAN IN THE
PREVIOUS WAVE.
I AM VERY
PLEASED!**

**THIS WAS A
REMARKABLE
SUCCESS!**



**TONIGHT, WE
CELEBRATE!**

**ENJOY
YOURSELVES!**



I DON'T KNOW
HOW BAD IT WAS
LAST TIME, BUT
THERE IS A LOT OF
DAMAGE TO DEAL
WITH.

BEEP
...

WHAT'S TO
CELEBRATE?

HELP ▽

Lo Lo
BEEP 4/1

"HOW TO FIGHT THE WAVE"

IF THE NEXT WAVE HAPPENS
SOMEWHERE THE KNIGHTS
CAN'T GET TO...

WHY
DIDN'T
THE OTHER
HEROES
USE THIS?

DOES THAT
MEAN THAT
WE CAN
BRING THE
KNIGHTS
WITH US?

EITHER THEY
DIDN'T KNOW
ABOUT IT, OR
THEY DIDN'T
THINK THEY
NEEDED HELP...

BEEP LO

IF YOU REGISTER YOUR PARTY
MEMBERS AND ASSISTANTS
BEFORE THE HOURGLASS RUNS
OUT, ALL INDICATED PEOPLE WILL
BE TELEPORTED WITH YOU TO
THE SITE OF THE WAVE...

HM...

I JUST WANT
TO GET MY
REWARD AND
BE ON MY WAY.

EITHER WAY,
PARTICIPATING
IN THIS TRASHY
FEAST IS DRIVING
ME NUTS.

!!

WHAT IS IT,
RAPHTALIA?

UM...

DAMN...

MURMUR

MURMUR





WHAT?



HEY! I'M
NOT FAT!

I JUST
GREW UP!

I DON'T
LIKE OR
DISLIKE
THEM.

YOU CAN GET
AS FAT AS
YOU LIKE, AS
LONG AS IT
DOESN'T SLOW
YOU DOWN IN
BATTLE.



...
EAT ALL YOU
LIKE. IT
WILL SAVE
US MONEY
IN THE LONG
RUN.



7
FLIP

OH YEAH,
THAT'S
HOW YOU
ARE...

HUH?



7
SHOVE

!

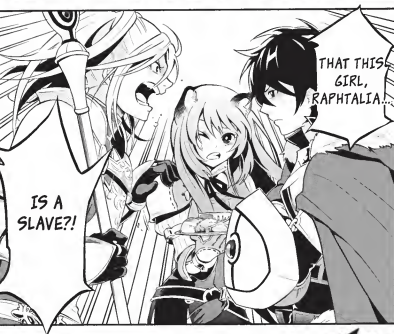


YOU'RE
JUST A
KID!











WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?



GET YOUR
HANDS OFF
OF HER.

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

SHE'S MY
SLAVE.



YOU CAN'T
MAKE A
PERSON
INTO A
SLAVE!!

ESPECIALLY
SINCE WE CAME
FROM ANOTHER
WORLD! YOU
CAN'T COME
HERE AND
ENSLAVE THEM!



MURMUR

SLAVE?

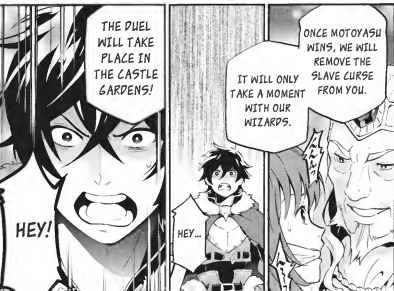
A HERO
HAS A
SLAVE?

MURMUR

YOU...







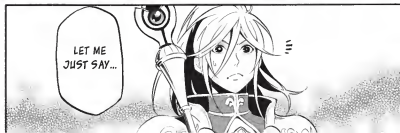
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FLIP

NAOFUMI? YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO
TURN DOWN A
DUEL ARE YOU?

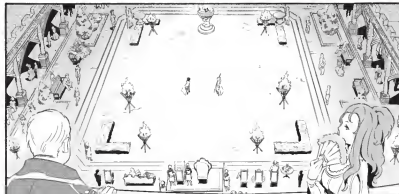
YOU
COWARD
!

FLASH











THE DUEL WILL
END WITH AN
ADMISSION OF
DEFEAT BY ONE
PARTY!

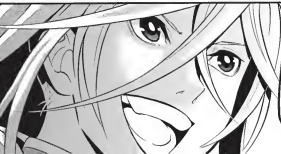
THE DUEL BETWEEN
THE SHIELD AND
SPEAR WILL NOW
BEGIN!



HA, A DUEL
BETWEEN A
SPEAR AND A
SHIELD...
WE ALL
KNOW HOW
THIS WILL
END.



YOU'RE
WRONG.



NOW HURRY UP
AND LOSE—WE
HAVE TO FREE
RAPHTALIA!



NOW...

FWOOSH

BEGIN!

STAB

CRACKLE



HA!

GOOD
BLOCK,
SHIELD
HERO.



HUH?

PEOPLE TALK ABOUT
CONTRADICTION...



?!
WHAT
ARE YOU
GETTING
AT?!



THE SPEAR
IS A
WEAPON
TO KILL
OTHERS.

A SHIELD IS
TO PROTECT
ITS USER.
THEY ARE MADE
FOR DIFFERENT
THINGS.



AND THIS
FIGHT IS
A GOOD
EXAMPLE
OF IT.



IF THIS
IS REALLY
A BATTLE
BETWEEN THE
STRONGEST
SPEAR AND
SHIELD,

THEN IF YOU
CAN'T BREAK
THROUGH MY
SHIELD, YOU'VE
LOST!



HA! THAT'S
NOT HOW IT
WORKS...



FWAP

THE AUDIENCE
WILL DECIDE!



DAMN!

CHAOS
SPEAR!

HOW'S
THAT!

FWOOSH









TWO-HEADED BLACK
DOG SHIELD

FLASH

SPECIAL
EFFECT...

OWWW-
WWW!!

DOG
BITE!

MR.
MOTOYASU!!

CHOMP







YOU ARE SUCH A
LADIES MAN. I
WOULDN'T WANT
YOU TO LOSE YOUR
MOST... IMPORTANT,
PART.

MY BALLOONS
ARE STILL
HUNGRY...



WHA...

WITHOUT YOUR
FACE AND BALLS,
YOU'RE JUST
ANOTHER LOSER.



NOOOO-
OOOOO!



GET READY FOR
IMPOTENCE!



THAT
WOMAN...

SLUMP

MMM...

WHAT WAS
THAT?
MAGIC?

KICLANG





YOU GOT TO
USE SOME
WEIRD
TOOLS...

BUT...



VICTORY
IS MINE.



THE
RISING
OF 2 THE
SHIELD
HERO



CHAPTER 8 THE WORDS I WANTED TO HEAR





WAIT A
SECOND!

THIS WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE ONE
ON ONE—
SOMEONE
HELPED YOU.

THIS
DUEL
DOESN'T
COUNT!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

HUH?



THAT'S
WHY YOU
FELL?

SOUNDS
LIKE SOUR
GRAPES
TO ME.

YOUR FRIEND
USED MAGIC
AGAINST ME.

THAT'S
WHY I...



I'M NOT
LYING!!



...DID
THEY?

MURMUR



YOU KNOW
I DIDN'T
JUST FALL!

YOU ALL
SAW IT,
DIDN'T
YOU?



REMEMBER,
HE'S A
CRIMINAL.



YOU KNOW HE IS
JUST TRYING
TO MAKE UP FOR
HIS LOSS... YOU
CAN'T LISTEN TO
HIM...



I BELIEVE
WHAT SHE
SAYS IS
CORRECT...



MY
DAUGHTER.



DON'T LET
HIM FOOL
YOU!

I KNEW YOU
WOULD WIN!

YOU'RE SO
STRONG!

はっ
7 SLAP

OH STOP
IT...

MALTY!

I REALLY
COULDN'T
BELIEVE
MYNE WAS A
PRINCESS!

WELL I DO WHAT
I CAN FOR THE
GOOD OF MY
PEOPLE...

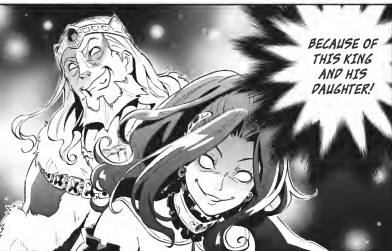
...WHAT?

?!

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN
SUFFERING THIS
WHOLE TIME...



SO THAT'S HOW
IT IS...



BECAUSE OF
THIS KING
AND HIS
DAUGHTER!

AND THE KING
BACKED UP HER PLAN
BECAUSE SHE'S HIS
DAUGHTER!

SHE WANTED TO GET
THE STRONGEST
HERO ON HER SIDE,
SO SHE FRAMED
ME...

THE OUTCOME OF THE DUEL WAS DECIDED
BEFORE IT EVEN STARTED...



DRIP

THEY'LL SAY
THEY SAVED A
GIRL FROM THE
EVIL HERO

SIZZLE

SIZZLE

THE SPEAR
HERO WILL
GO DOWN IN
HISTORY...

SMILE

THE LEGENDS
WILL SAY THE
GREAT HERO
STOOD TOE TO
TOE WITH GREAT
EVIL...

CURSE
SERIES

THUMP

*I'M
THAT
EVIL...*

CONDITIONS
MET





COME
ON, MR.
MOTOYASU...



THE KING AND
HIS STUPID
WAVES...



YOU HAVE
THE FREED
SLAVE NOW.



THE
HEROES
WHO THINK
IT'S ALL A
GAME...



THE PEOPLE WHO
JUST STAND BACK
AND WATCH...



THEY'RE
ALL
LAUGHING
AT ME...

EVEN RAPHTALIA...





WHEN DID I
EVER ASK YOU
TO SAVE ME?!



ALL HE DID
WAS FORCE
ME TO
OVERCOME
MY FEARS!

WHAT? YOU
WERE A
SLAVE!
HE WAS
ABUSING
YOU!



HE NEVER
MADE ME DO
ANYTHING
I DIDN'T
WANT TO!

MR. NAOFUMI
NEVER... HE
NEVER...



IT DOESN'T HAVE
TO BE YOU! HE'D
JUST USE YOU
UNTIL YOU WERE
WORN OUT!!

MR. NAOFUMI
CAN'T FIGHT
ON HIS
OWN, SO HE
NEEDED...

BUT
THAT'S
NOT
GOOD!

MR. NAOFUMI
ALWAYS PROTECTED
ME FROM HARM! HE
LET ME REST WHEN
I WAS TIRED!



WHAT?
WHAT
ARE THEY
TALKING
ABOUT?



WHAT?

WOULD YOU...
WOULD YOU
REACH OUT TO
A SICK AND
DIRTY SLAVE?



...NO. I CAN
HEAR THEM, BUT
I DON'T WANT
TO LISTEN...

MR. NAOFUMI
GAVE ME
MEDICINE, HE
HEALED ME,
AND HE FED ME.

HE USED HIS
MONEY, HIS
MATERIALS ON
ME...

I NEED TO GET OUT
OF HERE...



WOULD YOU
DO THAT FOR
SOMEONE?

I...

I
WOULD!



WHERE
ARE YOUR
SLAVES?

IF SO,
THEN...



↑
FLIP

FWOOSH

MR.
NAOFUMI...

...



I KNEW THE
RUMORS... THAT
YOU WERE A
CRIMINAL, THAT
YOU WERE A
RAPIST...

STAY
BACK!



WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?! HE
NEVER DID
THOSE THINGS!

YEAH! YOU'RE
HIS VICTIM!



DON'T
TOUCH ME!
WOMAN!

STOP!



*THIS PLACE IS HELL. EVERYONE LIES.
EVERYONE BLAMES ME...*

CAN YOU BELIEVE
IN A SLAVE THAT
HAS NO CHOICE
BUT TO FOLLOW
YOU?



SWOOSH

...SHUT
UP!

EVEN IF THE
WHOLE WORLD
WRONGS YOU,
BLAMES YOU...

BWHOOO

CALM YOUR
ANGER.

LISTEN TO ME.
I WANT YOU TO
BELIEVE ME.

Z
TOUCH

I WON'T. I'LL
SAY IT AS
MANY TIMES
AS YOU NEED
TO HEAR IT...



YOU...

YOU
DIDN'T
DO IT!!





WHAT?



I BELIEVE
IN YOU,

MR.
NAOFUMI.



IT'S ME,
RAPHTALIA!

NO YOU'RE
NOT!
RAPHTALIA
WAS JUST A
LITTLE GIRL!



WHAT?

WH...

WHO
ARE
YOU?



THERE'S
A REASON
PEOPLE TREAT
US LIKE
MONSTERS.

DEMI-HU-
MANS
ARE NOT
HUMANS.



LET ME
EXPLAIN...



OUR BODIES
GROW ALONG
WITH OUR
LEVEL.

WHEN
WE ARE
YOUNG...



DO YOU
BELIEVE
ME NOW?



SO WHILE
I'M STILL A
KID ON THE
INSIDE...

MY BODY HAS
GROWN INTO
AN ADULT.



IF NOT, THEN
PLEASE PUT THE
SLAVE CURSE
BACK ON ME.

TOUCH



I WILL BE
YOUR SWORD,
I PROMISE.

I WANT YOU
TO BELIEVE
ME.

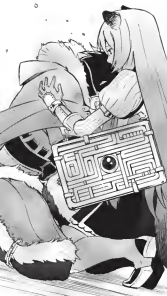


THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME I'VE HEARD
SUCH THINGS SINCE
I GOT HERE...
...BUT NO...

YOU ARE THE
SHIELD HERO.
YOU SAVED ME...

SO
PLEASE!

BUT THE WORDS I
WANTED TO HEAR
WERE ALWAYS RIGHT
HERE...

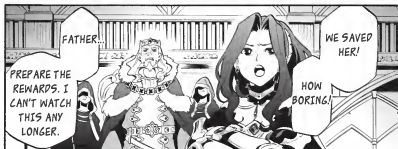


RAPHTALIA WAS
ALWAYS...

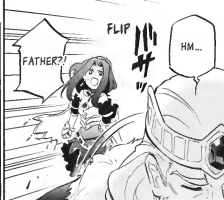
I HEARD
HER
TALKING,
BUT I
TURNED
AWAY...



SHE WAS
ALWAYS
SAYING
IT.





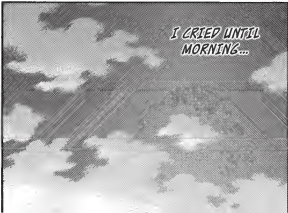




YOU CAN
WATCH
THOSE TWO
AND STILL
SAY THAT?



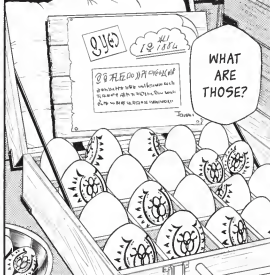
GOOD FOR
YOU.



*I CRIED UNTIL
MORNING...*







WHAT
ARE
THOSE?



IT'S TRUE.
MY BUSINESS
ACUMEN
SPEAKS FOR
ITSELF!



GOOD
EYES BOY!
THOSE ARE MY
"REAL" BUSINESS.

I DIDN'T
SEE THEM
LAST
TIME...



HAVEN'T YOU
SEEN THEM
AROUND TOWN?
THE BIG BIRDS
PULLING
CARRIAGES AND
STUFF?

HM...



HIS BUSINESS
IS MONSTER
TRADING?
PEOPLE BUY
MONSTERS?

MR.
NAOFUMI...
THESE ARE
MONSTER
EGGS.

IF YOU PICK THE
RIGHT ONE, YOU'LL
WIN A KNIGHT'S
DRAGON, WHICH ARE
WORTH 20 PIECES
OF GOLD!

THIS IS A
GAME... ONE
CHANCE FOR
100 PIECES OF
SILVER!

SOUNDS LIKE
A SCAM.

HOW DO I
KNOW THERE'S
ACTUALLY A
WINNING EGG?

IF YOU BUY TEN,
THEN YOU CAN PICK
FROM ANOTHER BOX
WHERE THE PRIZES
ARE ALL WORTH AT
LEAST 300 PIECES
OF SILVER.

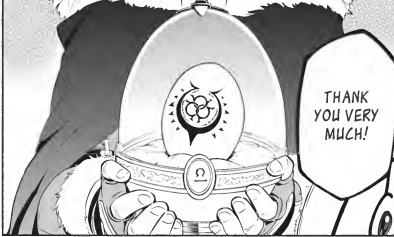
WE MIGHT HAVE
RECEIVED SOME
FUNDS FROM THE
CROWN... BUT 100
PIECES OF SILVER
IS JUST TOO
EXPENSIVE, RIGHT
MR. NAOFUMI?

...

WELL...

DO I LOOK LIKE
THE KIND OF
BUSINESS MAN
THAT WOULD
LIE TO HIS
CUSTOMERS?!

FLASH



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!



...SIGH...

EVEN IF IT'S
JUST AN
USAPIL, WE
CAN RAISE IT
AND SELL IT.



MR.
NAOFUMI!

IT'S
FINE. I
WANT TO
TRY.



OH! IF
YOU'RE
HUNGRY...

IT'S
NOTHING.
WANT TO GET
SOMETHING
TO EAT?



HUH?

HUMBLE
THY...

...MY
MOOD HAS
CHANGED...









**THE
SKY
IS SO
BLUE.**

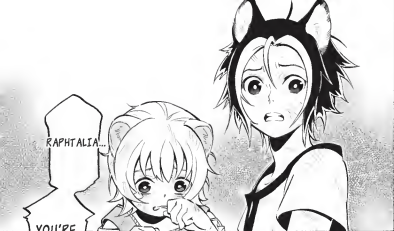


THE FLAG ON THE KID'S MEAL





CRACKLE



YOU'RE
OKAY!



THERE
AREN'T
ENOUGH
OF US TO...







WHY
ARE YOU
SMILING?

CRYING WON'T FIX IT.



WHIP

YOU'RE
A
SLAVE!

WHY ARE YOU
SMILING?!

WHIP

DAMN!
THIS
IS SO
BORING!

WHIP

WHAP!

IF I START
CRYING, I
CAN'T STOP.

WHAP!



IT WAS OURS. A PLACE FOR US, FOR US DEMI-HUMANS TO BE SAFE... THAT FLAG...

YES!

YES.

DO YOU REMEMBER? THE VILLAGE... FLAG?



RIFANA?

I DON'T THINK...

WE CAN...

THAT FLAG ISN'T HERE... SO...



UGH,
WHAT A
PAIN.

THE
RATTLE

SHE
DIED.



WE WERE
GOING TO GO
BACK TO THE
VILLAGE...



BESIDES,
YOU'RE
A SLAVE
NOW!





WHY AM I STILL ALIVE?!

*IN MY
DREAMS
THEY'RE ALL
MAD AT ME.*

*SHOULD I
NOT HAVE
SMILED?*







DON'T. DON'T CRY.

MY VILLAGE
FLAG... ITS
RIGHT HERE...

I FOUND
IT.



 **END**

AFTERWORD



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PICKING UP THE SECOND
VOLUME OF THE RISING OF THE SHIELD HERO MANGA!

I'D LIKE TO THANK ANEKO YUSAGI FOR CHECKING
OVER ALL MY WORK AND MINAMI SEIRA FOR HELPING
ME GET THE DESIGN RIGHT.

I LOVE... RAPHTALIA! I HOPE I CAN DRAW HER AS
CUTE AS I ENVISION HER! I'LL CONTINUE TO DO MY
BEST—THANKS FOR READING!

--AIYA KYU



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